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My comments:

I feel that the US government gave away much of the necessary penalties and regulatory oversights in the Microsoft settlement. I gather that this was done primarily because of the perilous state of the economy after 9/11.

The operating system clearly has the features of a common carrier and, as such, requires that significant efforts be made to prevent Microsoft from using their ownership of the OS to disadvantage other companies. Microsoft has clearly done this in the past and they will continue doing it into the foreseeable future without more significant restraints. In a few years, they will dominate many other areas (the Internet, PDA's, telephone software, etc.). The Justice Department will be forced to take them to court yet again. The results will be more costly and, ultimately, more disruptive than if the Justice Department had stuck to its guns during this round.

I'm very disappointed and I don't look forward to watching Microsoft take control over the Internet.

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